



IPD Decentralization TF Meeting
10-11 June 2009, Columbia University
Programme

Participants

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Tim Besley, London School of Economics
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Fidel Jaramillo, IDB and ex-Minister of Finance of Ecuador
Juan Pablo Jimenez, ECLAC, Santiago
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Stuti Khemani, World Bank
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Ted Miguel, UC Berkeley
Dilip Mookherjee, Boston University
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IPD Decentralization Task Force

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Wednesday 10 June 2009

- 8:30-9:00 Coffee, muffins, etc
- 9:00-10:00 Welcome, introductions and review of last meeting
Chair: Jean-Paul Faguet
- 10:00-12:15 Decentralization and the Shape of the State
Chair: Yang Yao

Constitutional Structures for a Strong Democracy: Considerations on the Government of Pakistan
– *Roger Myerson*
- 10:45-11:00 Coffee
- 11:00-12:30 Decentralization and the Shape of the State (cont'd)
Intergovernmental fiscal relations in Latin America: between regional disparities and fiscal sustainability
– *Juan Pablo Jimenez*
Gerrymandering Decentralization: Political Selection of Grants-Financed Local Jurisdictions
– *Stuti Khemani*
- 12:30-1:30 Lunch
- 1:30-1:45 Coffee
- 1:45-4:00 Effects of Decentralization: Empirical Studies
Chair: Dilip Mookherjee

Privatization of Water Services: Decentralization and Infant Mortality in Colombia, 1990-2004
– *Fabio Sánchez*
Decentralization's Impact on the Accountability and Responsiveness of Public Services: Evidence from Pakistan
– *Ali Cheema, Adnan Khan and Asim Khwaja*
The Determinants of Subnational Fiscal Outcomes in Colombia and Peru
– *Fidel Jaramillo*
- 4:00-4:15 Coffee
- 4:15-6:15 Policy Panel 1: Why do governments want to decentralize? What problems do they face? Does decentralization make government stronger?

Chair: Tim Besley
Junaid Ahmad
Mani Shankar Aiyar
Gonzalo Sánchez de Lozada
Mai Lu

6:30-9:00 Invited Dinner – Le Monde Restaurant, 113th St and Broadway

Thursday 11 June 2009

8:30-9:00 Coffee, muffins, etc

9:00-11:15 Decentralization and Local Governance

Chair: Stuti Khemani

Local Governance in Rural West Bengal: Capture or Clientelism?

– *Dilip Mookerjee*

Direct Democracy, Decentralization and Governance in Indigenous
Communities in Mexico

– *Alberto Diaz-Cayeros*

Collective Action in Diverse Sierra Leone Communities

– *Ted Miguel*

11:15-11:30 Coffee

11:30-1:15 Policy Panel 2: Decentralization in weak states. Can decentralization bypass
weak national institutions? What are the limits of reform?

Chair: Roger Myerson

Shanta Devarajan

Fidel Jaramillo

Renato Villela

1:15-2:15 Lunch (coffee served with lunch)

2:15-3:15 Role-Reversal Role Play: What are the dimensions of decentralization (what
does it mean)? What do we know about decentralization? What do
policymakers want to know?

Chairs: Jean-Paul Faguet & Shanta Devarajan

“Policymakers”

Alberto Diaz-Cayeros

Ted Miguel

Joseph Stiglitz

“Academics”

Junaid Ahmad

Fidel Jaramillo

Gonzalo Sánchez de Lozada

3:15-3:30 Coffee

3:30-5:30 How can we contribute to improving decentralization policy around the world? What should our next steps be?

- Edited volume?
- Synoptic Guide?
- “Web 2.0”?

Chair: Jean-Paul Faguet